GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details both coking and non-coking coal produced in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether the offtake of coal is decreasing because of recession in the steel industry;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to promote use of coal in Power and Cement Sectors;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there are accumulation of coal stocks at pitheads for want of rakes; and

(f): if so, the steps being taken to clear the stocks?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL & MINES(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a): The details of total production of coal during the last three years category-wise is given below:-

(in million tonnes)

Year	Coking	Non-Coking	Total
1999-2000	32.98	267.06	300.04
2000-2001	30.90	278.73	309.63
2001-2002 +	29.01	293.60	322.61

+Provisional

(b)to(d): The overall offtake of coal is not decreasing. The overall offtake of coal during 2001-02 was 325.41 million tonnes(provisional) as against 315.60 million tonnes of 2000-01. The offtake of coal by Power and Cement Sectors has been on the increase but Steel Sector showed decline.

(e)&(f): During the last three years, offtake of coal has been more than the production, thereby reducing the coal stocks. Railways have no shortage of wagons and are in a position to move all coal offered.